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CORRESPONDENT WHO IS EVER

On the Alert to Satisfy the Reading Public--Papers Delivered to Subscribers Every Saturday Morning--An old Man Burned to Death.

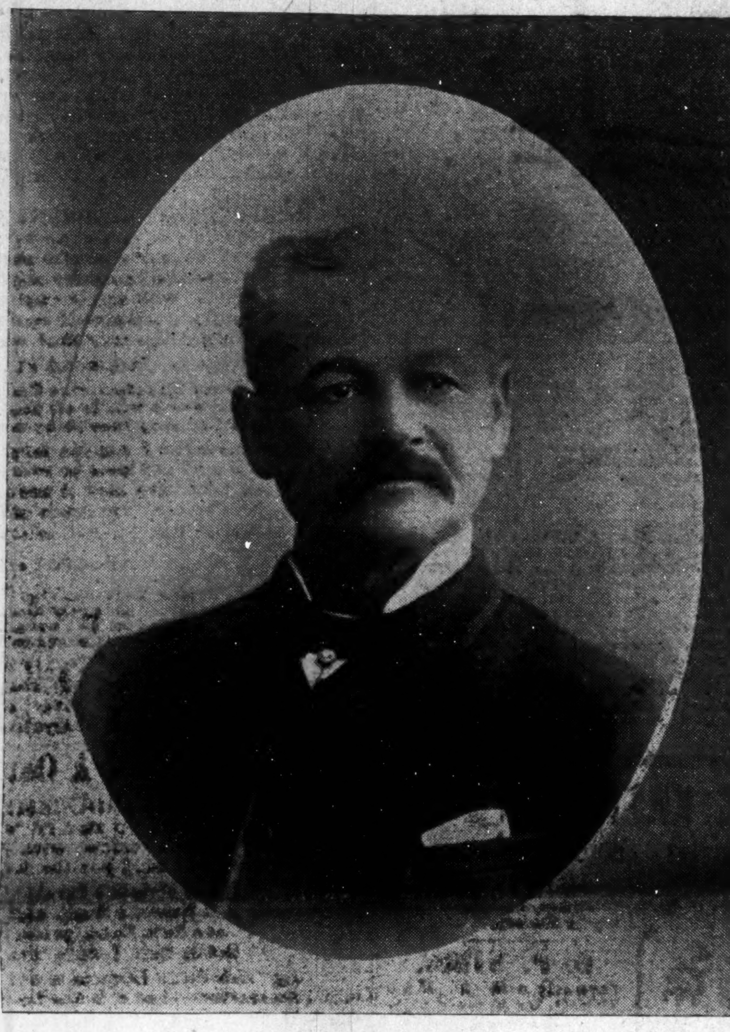
Houston, Tex., Special.—The Freeman was on sale here last Saturday which was surprising as it never reaches here until Sunday morning; thereby allowing the subscribers here to read the paper the same day the subscribers in Indianapolis are reading it. Everybody should subscribe for The Freeman, it is full of news, delivered to your door every Sunday morning. The Bayou City Employment Agency is doing a nice business under the management of Messrs. W. H. Johnson and George Bard. They are hustlers. Everybody should go out to the grand concert at Wesley Chapel, April 4. The proceeds will be used in enlarging the facilities of the Independent, the colored paper printed in this city. The Manhatten Social Club is going to give a swell soiree in May. Mr. Sid. C. Isles of this city, one of our popular young men, is president of the club. Mr. Edward W. McCollough, who is attending Prairie View Normal School, paid a visit to his parents and friends last week. A large crowd went down to Galveston last Sunday week to see the battleships. The Houston Porters' Union which was organized last January has a membership of fifty, all ready and will give their first anniversary and hop the 21st inst. Dr. D. G. Ferrill, our colored dentist of a good practice and his brother, Dr. R. F. Ferrill, practical physician and surgeon are of the same office No. 909½ Preston avenue. The Sloan-street church seems to be meeting with success in giving weekly festivals. A new restaurant has opened at Watt's Hall corner of Dowling and Dallas. You should give it a trial. Mr. Joe Peacock spent last Sunday in Galveston. Mr. Fred Mason, a prominent colored lawyer here went to Galveston last week on legal business. Read The Freeman the leading colored journal, for sale at the corner of Main street and Congress avenue. The Black Patti Troubadours will show in Sweeney & Combs' opera house soon. The success of this company is truly remarkable—Madam Sisseretta Jones, the famous "Black Patti" is still the attraction. The colorod people are preparing to give the show a grand reception. The colored population of Houston is estimated from 20,000 to 25,000. There was a grand concert given at Watt's Chapel for benefit of the church. The Isles' Afro-American Ballad Concert Company and Electric Singing Pictures which was to appear in the Trinity church last Thursday night, was postponed and will appear in the Bethelahem church at an early date. Mr. Daniel Quan, an old colored man who lived at Hillendahl about sixteen miles form here, was burned to death in his home which was destroyed by fire. The old gentleman was a lone and was very feeble. It occurred early Friday morning. Read The Freeman, it is full of news only 5 cents a copy; see W. Williams, the agent for this city, corner Main and Congress. A grand Republican rally took place last Thursday night at Lewis Hall and many prominent politicians were present and spoke.

Normal Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.—Mr. Charles Stewart, correspondent for many of the white daily papers, is with us again, a welcome guest. The spring term of the course of Bible lectures will begin soon. Dr. A. D. Mayo of Boston is still with us. Prof. W. H. Council will lecture at the Knoxville college, Knoxville, Tenn., April 16, 1900.

The Mecca of the Freight District.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Harriett Stalls and Aunt Martha Griffin, both old and well respected by everybody here, died last week. Martin's immense tobacco factory at Tenth and Madison streets, burned to the ground on the 25th, throwing a large number of colored people out of employment. Mrs. Hattie Lunderman has organized a female drill corps of twenty well known young ladies who will give an entertainment in the near future for the benefit of Washington street Baptist church. Mr. Bradshaw is conducting the rehearsals. Riley Powell of this city, who is in jail at Cairo, Ill., under sentence to be hang on the 23rd inst., has sent an appeal here to his friends asking assistance to take his case to the supreme court. Cairo people has raised nearly two hundred dollars for this purpose already.



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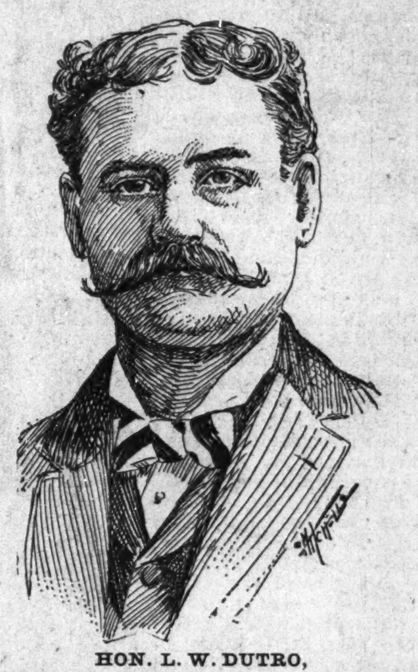

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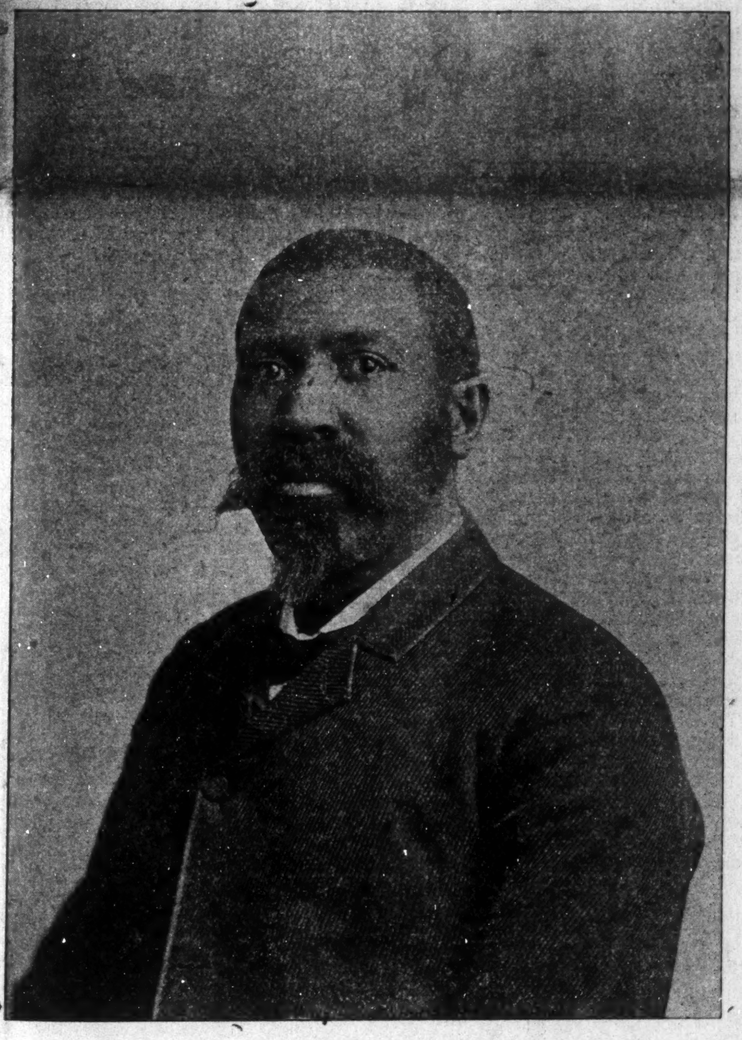

REV. T. J. SEARCY, D. D., Memphis, Tenn.

The political pot is still bubbling as the convention draws near; there are several rumors afloat but the colored voters who have any manhood or race pride should sit down on them hard when ever an opportunity presents itself which will be soon. Of course we will have some enemies who are self-conceited and will go which ever way the wind (coin) blows; this is the way that the enemy expects to defeat us. The colored people have been badly treated here in the way of recognition and the case will be held up for public condemnation, let the chips fall where they may we will hew to the line. When W. A. Lawrence was a member of the school board and the colored people had any grievance, they would ask him to present them before that body which he always did against great odds, one of the most important ones was helping us to obtain a high-school. It is stated that he will ask the Republicans to endorse him for county chairman of the Republican party, if this be true every man who is trying to educate his children should attend the convention and vote for him regardless of the tricks that will be undertaken to defeat the sentiment of the colored voters. Mrs. Irene Jackson of South Seventh street is on the sick list at this writing. Mrs. Tom Lewis is visiting in the city of Metropolis, Ill., this week with relatives and friends. Miss Nettie Brane is in Nashville, Tenn., attending the bedside of her sister, Miss Lula Brane who has been very ill but improved at this writing. Mr. George Grundy of 926 Court is a little better. Mrs. Mollie Mitchell of 914 Court street is out again after a spell of illness. Mr. Will Leach spent a few days in Cairo, Ill., last week and reports a good time. Mrs. Dora Berry of North Ninth street has moved to Arkansaw to live where her husband is employed. Mr. Juel Jordan of Peoria, Ill., is visiting relatives in the city. He is a successful liquor dealer of that place. Mrs. Lizzie Marshall of East Court street is on the sick list this week. Get The Freeman from Daniel Pitman. The annual sermon which was preached last Sunday to an order at Washington-street church was grand and well attended. Mrs. Maggie Sanders of West Jefferson street is indispose at this writing. Mrs. Julia Thompson of Monroe street is on the sick list this week. Please subscribe for The Freeman now, so you can get an Easter copy in time it will be great to read. Mr. Dan Perry is on the sick list this week and has improved but little. Get ready for the Easter ball to be given at Odd-Fellows' hall on the 16th. Good order will be maintain. Committee—David Pitman, Ben Boyd and Elza Brown. Mrs. Kattie Barley of West Madison street is indispose at this writing. Mrs. Polly Pryer of Paris, Tenn., is the guest of Mrs. Davis 1310 Madison street, this city. Mr. John Blanks of 322 Thirteenth street is improving at this writing. Mrs. Charles Brown on the 26th and 27th made a very pleasing visit to Cairo, Ill. James W. Campbell, late manager of the Little Solo Theatre of Houston, Tex., arrived in Paducah a week ago, was met by a host of friends as well as Mrs. Campbell whom were glad to see him once more in their midst. Mr. Campbell speaks highly of the Solo Theatre and is now making preparations for an extensive trip to the "Lone Star" state and New York with Mrs. Campbell. They both sends regards to all friends, especially, Glenn, Black, Davis, Daugherty, Messrs. Hall and Wilson and entire company. Hello, Rhone how is your orchestra!

The Dell of Black Jack.

Danville, Ill., Special.—The D. A. T. W. Club met at Mrs Gelloch last Thursday evening. Mrs Sydis gave a party for young girls, celebrating her daughter's birthday. Mr Duncod has a good business at his place. Mrs Emma Tolyer of Terre Haute is visiting her son, James Johnson. The Cyclone club is getting ready for the May fair. There was a change of janitors at the Y M C A Sunday. Charles Colley who held that position a year ago, took the place of James Johnson. The Octoroons will play here Thursday night at the Grand. Rev Brown of Champaign preached here during the revival. Mrs Reese and Miss Cecil of Denver, Col., are the guests of Mr and Mrs Pinkston. The old folks' concert will take place Thursday evening at the A M E church on Robinson street. A great deal of sickness is reported. The Extempel club met at Mrs Nichols on Franklin street; all members being present. Several ladies gave Miss Eliza Switzer a beautiful surprise party. Be sure and hear the Broken Chord Quartette at the May fair; they will render some excellent selections. Luther Colley, agent for The Freeman, requests that all the subscribers have their news ready when he calls

Special Mention.

Zanesville, O., Special.—Mr. Nahum D. Brascher has resigned his position at Scotch woolen mill, to go to school at Clay City business college. Mr. Charles T. Isum of Granville, O., was the guest of Miss Ella Johns Sunday. The funeral of Clarence Morgan, aged 12 years, took place Sunday at Union Baptist church. The Knights of Pythias will have their annual sermon preached at St. Paul A. M. E. church, Sunday April 8. Miss Ella Johns has gone to Granville, O., where she will remain during the term of Shepardson College. Bernard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Tate is quite ill. Mr. Samuel Reamey, superintendent of Union Baptist Sunday-school was married to Miss Mary Allen by Rev. A. M. Thomas. Bishop Lee was booked for a lecture at St Paul church Wednesday evening.

News Note.

Helena, Ark., Special.—The annual meeting of the Philips County Teachers association was held in the chapel of the Helena Normal school Friday night March 16. Quite a number of the teachers in the county were present and rendered an excellent program.

AFREEMAN HUSTLER

IS JESSIE W. WILLIAMS--A SHORT SKETCH ONE OF OUR MANY

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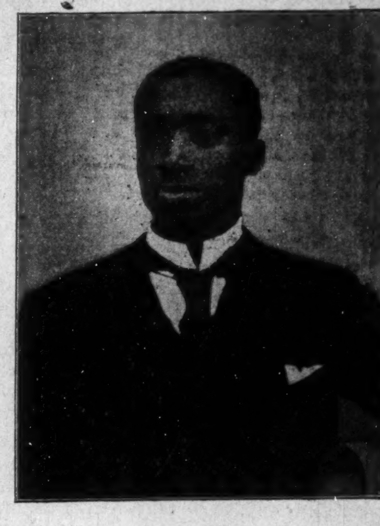
Is Well Thought of by the Citizens of His Community, Who Believe in Him--A Member of the M. B. Church and Several Secret Societies.



Vicksburg, Miss., Special.—In this is the cut of The Freeman representative in the city of Vicksburg, Mr. Jessie W. Williams. Mr. Williams was born in Jackson, Miss., August 5, 1864. He received his early training in the public schools of that city. At the age of sixteen years he came to Vicksburg with a widowed mother, he being her only support. In 1881 he was employed as waiter in the Pacific hotel, which occupation he followed until 1884 when he accepted a position as cook at the United States Engineer's office at Wilson Point, La. In 1888 ill health forced him to resign this service; after a stay of five months in the Northwest in search of health, he returned to this city, his adopted home quite restored. In 1889, he accepted the position of shipping clerk at the L N O & I., railroad shops here. In 1890 he was tendered the position of messenger in the United States Engineer's office by Major J H Williard then in charge of said office. This position he accepted and has held ever since with credit to himself and to his race. In 1886 he professed religion and has ever since been a consistant Christian. He is a member of King Solomon M B church of this city, where he has held many important positions—having held among other offices in the church, that of secretary and treasurer of the building committee. In 1895 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jarvis, one of the most estimable and cultured ladies of the state. He is a member of P H L No 26 A F & A M and M of the First Vail of Z R A Chapter of Masons and a member of Vicksburg Commandery No 1, Knights Templar. In young men like Mr Jessie W Williams who enjoy the confidence and respect of both races, rests the future of the Negro; Mr Williams is modest and unassuming, but in the van with those whose careers give promise of great and permanent success.

Spicy News.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—Mr. Logan Reed, the popular porter of the T. P. A. Hotel and agent for The Freeman, has returned from his home in Brownsville after being sick with la grippe. Prof. Crowder of Newbern, was in town last week. You can find The Freeman on sale at Mr. John Fowlkes' barbershop. There is talk of a swell wedding in the near future. Elder George Wynn has been on the sick list. Mr Nelson Austin is having his house remodeled. What does that mean? Mr. Earnest Strane has been on the sick list. Mr. Will Ray has charge of the dining-room of the T. P. A. Hotel. Bishop Lane occupied the pulpit of the C. M. E. church Sunday night, April 1. Elder Curren of Ripley, has charge of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Elder H. C. Owen resigned. All of the churches are preparing to have Easter exercises.

S. W. Elliott was born March 20, 1861 and died Monday, March 19, 1900, aged 39 years, was a faithful Christian and a member of the C. M. E. church and also a member of the Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows, No. 1802 of which number he was P. S., three years. He died as a true member of his order and leaves a wife, two brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

EDITED BY

W. FORREST COZART.

Good morning, friends. Have you subscribed for the Freeman?

Mr. F. C. Long head-waiter at the Colonial House Cleveland, O. has resigned.

First class colored head-waiter is wanted for a summer resort, wages $50. For full particulars address W. Forrest Cozart, Dayton O.

It is said that a new hotel to be known as the "Brazil" will be built soon at Brazil, Ind. Colored waiters will be employed at the Brazil.

Mr. James Finley the popular head-waiter at the Arlington Hotel, Memphis Tenn., is State vice-president of the H. & S. W. N. B. A.

The Freeman is now publishing more news concerning colored waiters each week than any other publication in the world. Do you want more than this for your money?

Mr. E W. Harper, the affable head-waiter of the Mansion House, Brooklyn N. Y. will again be in charge of the dininig room of the Rockingham at Narragansett Pier, R. I., the coming summer. Mr. Harper is one of the few colored head-waiters holding a position in Greater New York.

Mr. William Andrews the popular head waiter at the Kimball House, Atlanta, Ga., wlll retire from that hostelry on May 1, with Mr. G. W. Scovill the manager, after several years of faithful service. Mr. Andrews will be in charge of the dining room at a summer resort at Morehead City, N. C. the coming summer.

It is stated that a new Gayoso hotel costing a half a million dollars will be erected at Memphis Tenn., on the site of the old Gayoso hotel which was destroyed by fire some time ago. Messrs W. P. Halladay and L. P. Parker of the Halladay House, Cairo, Ill. are the prime promoters. This will be welcome news to tne waiters of Memphis.

The Park Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., recently gave its annual ball which surpassed all previous efforts. A well drilled corps of waiters served the collation in the very latest style. Mr. Wm. Alexander is the popular head-waiter at the Park, also at the Fountain Spring House, Waukesha, Wis. during the summer months.

"Mrs. Lesters Soiree" is the name of a drama that is to be played at Dayton, Ohio, April 17th. Mr. Geo. Bailey, head waiter at the Phillips House, L J. Rice, second-waiter at the Beckel and Messrs, Jas Brown and E. M. Johnson assisted by Misses Dora Burton, Mayme and Minnie Jones and Jennett Butler will pay the leading characters.

W. Forrest Cozart, formerly head-waiter at the Oriental, Dallas, Texas, has written a book entitled "The Waiter's Manual," It is full of information and suggestions for a class of men who have been obliged to learn by experience The book is published by the Hotel World of Chicago, is well printed neatly bound, consisting of 120 pages.—Lee's Magazine Dallas Texas.

The waiters of the Palm Beach Hotel, Palm Beach Fla. recently gave a grand "cake walk" in the spacious dining room of the Palm Beach. "Aligator Billy" won the cake. About 50 couples participated and a very large sum of money was realized. I regret to say that there are a few waiters who still degrade their race by indulging in "cake walks' and "crap shooting" but I am pleased to say that the better element has relegated these follies to the rear.

The friendly Sons of St. Patrick gave their fifth annual banquet at the Dennison Hotel Indianapols, Ind, on St. Patricks day, The banquet table was very prettily arranged and the dining room was beautifully decorated. The service was most excellent and Mr. W. F. Martin, the head-waiter covered himself with glory, by the admirable manner in which he handled the banquet. Mr. Martin is an old veteran in the business and is a credit to his race as well as to his profession. He is also State vice-president of the H. & S. W. N. B. A.

The many inquiring friends of Mr. G. H. Plummer, formerly head-waiter at the Nelson, Rockford Ill. and the Spaulding Hotel, Duluth Minn. will be much surprised to learn of his whereabouts after such a long absence. Mr. Plummer is now residing in Boston, Mass, and is a prominent member of the Anti-Imperialists movement. Mr. Plummer posesses a large amount of magnetism and becomes popular wherever he goes. While head-waiter at the Spaulding in 1897 Mr. Plummer was a candidate for minister to Liberia. Failing in this his star soon disappeared from the Western horizon "incog." But now it re-appears in the far east and we behold its bright and illuminating rays.

The colored waiters who visit the Paris Exposition, will find his most dangerous foe in the pretty French and Swiss girls who dispense champagne punch and other beverages in the Jordin de Paris and other high class places of amusement. These pretty maids seem to exercie a great power of magnetism over the foreigners. It is a luscious Swiss blonde or a pretty French maid with a dainty figure clad in cap, apron and a rather decollete corsage and she carries a decorated canister strapped across her shoulders, from which she serves champaign punch or some favorite native wine. Thus these pretty maids captivate the guests as they glide around to the sweet strains of a dreamy waltz.

I am more than pleased to note the fact, that my humble effort to conduct a waiters column in The Freeman is being appreciated. If the head and side waiters will give me their support by subscribing for The Freeman I shall endeavor to accomplish far more than can be realized at this early date. Mr. J. B. Goins head waiter at the Nelson, Rockford, Ill., writes: "Your column in The Freeman should meet the approval of every fair minded waiter. It fills a long felt want and cannot but, he appreciated." Mr. J. J. Miles, head waiter at the "Plankinton" Milwaukee, Wis., writes: "I take great pleasure in reading your column in The Freeman, because in it I learn the whereabouts of head and side waiters of whom I had lost all trace." Mr. F. C. Long head waiter at the Colonial Hotel, Cleveland, O., says: "I read The Freeman every week and take special pleasure in securing your column. I congratulate you, upon your noble effort." Mr. W. Alonzo Locke head waiter at the Halliday, Cairo, Ill., write: The Freeman is certainly the greatest organ of our race Journals and richly deserves our patronage. I shall do all in my power to advance the subscription of The Freeman in this city. Mr. F. D. Tutt, a waiter in Boston, Mass., writes: "It's a long lane that has no end and I am much gratified to know that the waiters side of life, will now be presented to the world in its true light Our humble position has been looked upon with scorn and we have been discriminated against by the creme of society in certain localities. Having you as our attorney I am satisfied that our side of the case, will now be well presented.

Mr. A. E. Jenkins, head waiter at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colo., writes. The possession of the books and papers which bear directly on the waiters profession, is just as essential to the up-to-date, head and side waiter as Blackstone is to the lawyer. We should all keep our libraries filled with every work that will improve us in our business. Another point on which too much care cannot be exercised is in the personal appearance of every member of the dining room staff. Everyone likes to see a "Smart looking crew" in the above remarks Mr. Jenkins has certainly sounded the key-note of the modern head-waiter This is a progressive age and the head and side waiters are entering into a new era and he who keeps abreast with the procession, must equip himself with all the valuable information obtainable. It is by an exchange of ideas that men of all business and profession are benefitted. The newspapers, magazines and books are the mediums through which the ideas are transmitted. The young lawyer reads Blackstone for the purpose of learning the fundamental principles of law and he reads the decision of eminent jurists in order to become familiar with the construction of law as it is construed in its various forms and usages. After giving the above knowledge and by the application of common sense, the young lawyer is capable of protecting his clients in any suit he may be engaged. By reading his magazine the manufacturer of the South become thoroughly acquainted with the processes used by the manufacturer in the North or in European countries Bankers exchange ideas in the same way, thus they are enabled to systematize the banking of money in every civilize country. The minister reads his Bible constantly, he attends the Theological seminaries and is properly instructed how to attain practical success in the ministry. So it must be with the head and side waiters, study their profession from a scientific point. Now in order to accomplish this it is absolutely necessary for them to read the newspapers, books and magazines which gives a scientific treament of their profession. I am pleased to note that there is a general activity among head and side waiters throughout the country, which indicates that they are beginning to realize the necessity of keeping well posted in their humble profession. May God speed them onward.

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IN ANTI-BELLUM DAYS

Rev. Bradwell Was Pastor of Colored Methodists of M. E. Church South--Transferred Congregation to A. M. E.

Since 1864 the subject of this sketch has played no mean part in the African Methodist Episcopal church.

If the Rev. James Lynch were living, he would testify to the truthfulness of this assertion. During these ante-bellum days, Mr. Bradwell was pastor of a colored Methodist church under the control, and pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church south. The circumstances under which Rev. Bradwell became pastor of this congregation are rather romatic as well as historical. In those early days white pastors had charge of negro congregations. It was thought that the white pastor would like to get rid of his colored congrgation; having been granted a leave of absence, he took advantage of the same, leaving his colored communicants in charge of Rev. Bradwell. When the white pastor did not return on time, Rev. Bradwell took his congregation into the African M. E. connection. This is the beginning of his life work as a disciple, under the leadership of the immortal Richard Allen, the founder of the A. M. E. church, Rev. C L. Bradwell met Bishop Payne in an annual conference—1865—at Charleston, S. C. He was the only candidate for itinerant work, receiving his first appointment at this time, to Edisto Island, S. C. He was also agent for the Freedman Bureau of the federal government. This position helped him greatly in his ministerial work, in a financial way. There were very few members at this parish, but during his two years' pastorate more than a thousand members were added to the charge. From here he was sent to Augusta, where he served in the capacity of both pastor and presiding elder. It is said that his work was very, very remarkable in more ways than one, especially in extending the territory and adding souls to the church. It is said that the white people of this section were more willing to do for him, to extend his church and give support than his own members, and even petitioned the conference to return him, owing to his great christian piety and example to his race. Great demand was being made for him at Columbus, Ga., at this time. Here he served two years, adding 800 followers to the connection. And by the aid of Rev. John G. Mitchell, a second church in this city, was established. Two years were scarcely passed when the bishop was being asked to send him to what is now known as Americus, Ga. The result of his work and conduct speak for themselves in that section, now. Adding many members to this charge, he was now sent to Bethel church, Atlanta. He was here one year only, the second year was appointed presiding elder of the Atlanta District, but, owing, to a serious illness of his family, which resulted in the death of his wife, he was compelled to resign. After a time, he was requested to be returned to Americus as pastor for a second term, where he served one year. From there he went to Thomasville, where he remained one and a half years. This being 1876, general conference year. He was elected at this conference traveling agent of the Publication Department. During the four years which he traveled, he sold thousand of dollars' worth of books and increased the circulation of the Christian Recorder to 10,000 copies. At the close of this quadrennium he was made presiding elder of the Savannah District, but, the following year, owing to the affliction of his family, he transferred to the North Georgia conference and was stationed at Madison, remaining three years. During these three years he erected a very fine brick church. From here he was sent, as presiding elder over the Marietta District, and remained for four years. He was again sent to Atlanta as pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church, and while here did yeoman service in increasing the number of communicants and building a large eight-room parsonage. The editor's chair of the S. Christian Recorder being made vacant by this time, by the death of Rev. Dr. M. E. Bryant, the House of Bishops appointed the Rev. Bradwell to fill the vacancy for two years, at the end of which time he was again sent to Columbus, by the Macon conference aspresiding elder. After one year's service, he was placed over the Forsyth District for four years. His work as presiding elder has always been so efficient that his last appointment was that of P. E. over the Atlanta District, which he now fills.

REV C L. BRADWELL.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him May of 1896, by the Trustee Board of Morris Brown College. He is a life trustee of the same institution, also a member of the financial board of the A. M. E. church. During Bishop Turner's last visit to Africa, Rev. Bradwell was appointed arch-elder and general superintendent to look after the general interests of the church in this state. During the year '98, he was president of the Atlanta A. M. E. ministers' meetings, and is now a member of some of the most important committees and conventions in Georgia. He has been one of the most prominent characters in this section of the church during Bishop Turner's administration and, since he has been one of her chief promoters in the south, he is rightly regarded as one of the fathers of the church.

His very modest and unassuming demeanor and the dignified and reserved manner in which he carries himself, say his friends, have prevented him from entering the scramble apparently necessary in promoting men to higher offices. We predict for him, should Providence not decree otherwise, promotion at the next general conference, May, 1900, Columbus, Ohio.

This is but a short resume of his church work, which stands out in bold relief and in marked contrast to that of some who have sailed into port on the oars of others.

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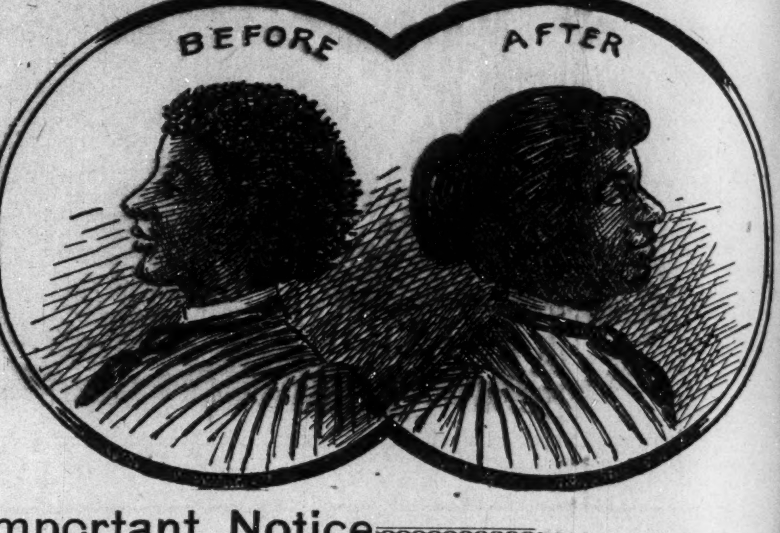

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Washington, D. C., (Special.)—The common center toward which the eyes of the entire nation are turned just now, is the United States Census Bureau This massive institution is housed in a well-built structure, covering the block on B street northwest, between First and Second streets, designed with especial reference to the prompt and convenient transaction of the stupendous task of registering the twelfth count of America's immense resources. The work the Census Bureau is now doing and planning to do, marks a distinct epoch in the history of our country, and will for the next ten years serve as a basis for estimates of our greatness, and fix our status in the economy of the world's civilization. Our population, its character and numbers; our wealth and wealth-producing agencies; our territorial area and agricultural productiveness; our manufactures, mines and mints; our schools, colleges, and vast educational facilities; our moral, social, industrial and commercial standing; our military and naval strength—all these potential forces in our national life will be accurately sought out and placed on record by the census that is now getting down to business in such earnest fashion.

When it is considered that the past decade has been an unprecedented period of American history in point of development of our national resources, in the acquisition of land and population, together with an unexampled general prosperity and diversification of industry, every thoughtful individual is constrained to admit that the twelfth census will be the most notable and most significant gathering of statistics that has been known since the foundation of the Republic.

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This being true of the body politics as a whole, the result of this count is all the more important to the millions of colored people of the country, who by reason of slavery and its concomitant influences, have been placed on the defensive as to their personal capacity and their value to civilization. It is expected that the showing made by this investigation will forever vindicate the negro in the eyes of the world, and demonstrate with fair opportunities he can successfully measure arms with those of other races. The decision of Director William R. Merriam to depart from the old system of classifying negroes only as to population and blood mixture, is indeed welcome intelligence to every negro in the land, and all heartily indorse his plan to give a thorough, comprehensive and complete report of our progress along the many lines of human activity in which we may be engaged, and to paint for the first time, a true and honest picture of the black man's advancement in character, education, and wealth, and to take note of his phenomenal growth in the arts, sciences, professions and industrial pursuits.

Director Merriam has grasped the situation rightly in inaugurating this broad and liberal policy, and the colored people should do all in their power to hold up his hands and assist him in his laudable endeavor to tell our story as we would have the nation to hear it. Assistance is especially needed in the "Black Belt" of the south, where it is practically impossible for the shrewdest of enumerators to reach every colored person without guidance and advice from the colored residents themselves. To the end that every interest shall be protected and properly represented on the census blanks—valuation of lands, crops, stock, etc.—the ministers, teachers, and men of parts in the several localities should begin at once to interest the colored farmers and persons without intellectual training as to the character and scope of the statement the enumerator will require when he comes around in June Many minds and many hands working at once can accomplish wonderful results in a month, with a very slight expenditure of time and energy on the part of each. It is important that this matter be given immediate attention.

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In the Census Office at Washington, Director Merriam is gradually increasing the working force, according to the growing demands of business. He is giving the negro quite a comfortable degree of recognition, and is utilizing every opportunity to make creditable appointments, and also to promote those whose merit is demonstrated by their daily record. The criticism directed at Gov. Merriam some time ago by the colored press and sundry organizations has almost disappeared since it has become generally known that the bulk of the patronage of the office is controlled by members of Congress, among whom it was equitably apportioned shortly after the Bureau was organized. Recommendations must come from the Senators and Representatives, and in the southern states where the Republicans have no representation in Congress, the chairman of the Republican State Committee, and the member of the Republican National Committee of each state, have been accorded the privilege of designating a limited number of appointees. A prescribed examination must be passed to secure a place on the list of eligibles. Unless these conditions are complied with, the director's hands are tied, and failure to "land" must be laid either upo nthe member from the applicant's district, or upon the applicant's mental incompetency. For this, Director Merriam cannot justly be blamed.

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However, being aware of the peculiar estimate in which the negro is held in this country, and particularly at the south, Director Merriam has strained a point to avoid any possibility of undue ractial or political discrimination in the matter of appointment to places. He has accorded to a number of popular organizations and to leading colored men of the southern states the privilege of naming a fair quota of appointments, and these are being given out as rapidly as the work of the office will warrant. Good assignments have been given to several very capable and highly recommended young colored men, most of them being engaged in clerical work of a congenial nature. Others are assigned with reference to their ability and to the needs of the service. About forty colored persons, of both sexes, are on the pay roll at this time, and additions are being made nearly every week. Some promotions will be announced in the near future. Gov. Merriam has not failed to impress upon all his subordinates that the colored employees must be treated on terms of perfect equality with other employees, and urges that when the period arrives for the selection of enumerators, the supervisors must not be influenced against any individual on account of race. He rightly insists that merit alone shall be the test of recognition.

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Director Merriam is a business man, pure and simple. Reared in an atmosphere of liberality and amid true christian environments, he is too big hearted, too big brained and too large souled to harbor prejudice against any living man. He is plain, frank and unassuming in all his dealings, and means just what he says. His word is his bond, and can be depended upon. He is conducting the Census Office on strictly business principles, and is proving himself to be the right man in the right place. When the results of the twelfth census are given to the public, I have not the slightest doubt that William R. Merriam will be unanimously voted, by white and black, the most energetic, faithful, painstaking and conscientious cheiftain this great bureau has ever had.

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The contest for the Bishopric of the A. M. E. church is growing warmer and warmer as the day of the general conference draws nigh. The interest just now is at fever heat and it is an extravagant utterance to say that the Columbus convention will be honored with a larger and more distinguished gathering of the church forces than Methodism has seen since 1888. While the friends of the many candidates are active and vigorous the contest has been thus far free from scandal or personal abuse. The secular press, notably the Colored American, is contending for the election of six Bishops, urging that the Methodist church get in line with the prevailing spirit of "expansion." In any event four will certainly be chosen. It is conceded on all hands that Dr. M. M. Moore, the present financial secretary, will be elected on the first ballot. He has broken all records in raising finance, and his promotion is deserved. A second candidate, who bears all the marks of a "winner," is that prince of ecclesiastical editors, Rev. H. T. Johnson. Why shouldn't it be Bishop Johnson after next May? He has been uniformly successful as a pastor, presiding elder and evangelist. He has brought thousands of souls to Christ, organized many churches, where Methodism was practically unknown. He has built stately edifices and collected the money to pay for them. He was selected as editor of the Christian Recorder because of his eminent fitness, and the scintillating opinion page of the church's leading organ amply testifies to the wisdom of the conference's choice. He has rescued the Recorder from the dullness of a tomb and rendered it instinct with the liveliest thought of the hour, and influential in the moulding of sentiment upon the great issues that concern us to-day. It has been the invariable custom of the A. M. E. church to reward the fidelity and competency if a general office by an early advancement to the bench of Bishops, and it wil be an extraordinary departure from this very happy system if Dr. Johnson is not so promoted at Columbus. He is learned in theology, dignified in bearing, genial in address, and possesses just the elements to be desired in a station calling for the highest order of executive ability and constructive capacity. The Columbus conference will honor itself and mete out nothing but justice by electing Rev. H. T. Johnson to the Bishopric.

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This is the season when Washington enjoys its quadrennial dash in politics. So rarely do our people get a chance to exercise the proud right of suffrage, that the business of electing delegates to the Republican National becomes a gala affair, and the rank and file do their best to comply with the old time injunction to "vote early and often." It is said that the number of votes a single individual may cast is dependent almost wholly upon his ability, and with the speed he can make in covering the twenty-two wards of the town. The primaries are over and the gentlemen who will help name the presidential candidate of the grand old party are Mr. W. Calvin Chase, editor of the Washington Bee, and Dr. J. E. Jones, a popular young white newspaper man. The result seems to satisfy everybody except the oposing candidates and the extreme wing of the Carson contingent. Col. Perry Carson was not in the race, but favored Rev. George W. Lee and Dr. Robert Reyburn. He cards the Daily Post to the effect that he proposes to put on his old "fightin' cloes," and move on to Philadelphia to block Messrs. Chase and Jones at the door of the convention. As the aforesaid Chase and Jones were regularly elected and are endorsed by the National Committeeman M. M. Parker, and the entire party machine, it is not likely that the contest for their seats will yield any tangible returns. They are for McKinley. Editor Chase's return to popularity and favor is one of the striking phrases of local politics. He has cut the sting out of his Bee, and forgiven the decent section of his erstwhile enemies. They have withdrawn all opposition, and the white-winged messenger of peace skims serenely about the district sky. Chase is straightforward and courageous in his dealings, and will tell the truth, hurt whom it may. He is a reliable friend and an honorable foe. You can always tell where to find him. He is a power at the Government printing office in the Census Bureau, and around the executive departments—and the reason is not strange, when the points just described are considered.

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Prof. Booker T. Washington, the "Wizard" of Tuskegee, spent the day in town last Friday at the Southern Hotel, en route to Philadelphia. He conferred with a number of friends during his stay, and was warmly greeted by all who had any opportunity to secure an audience with him. Everything is proseprous in Tuskegee, and improvements are being put in all the time. A Philadelphia lady has just subscribed $5,000 to the endowment fund, and other large donations are ready upon demand. The fund has now reached $160,000, and there is no doubt that the $500,000 asked for will be realized. Mr. Washington has been urged by numerous friends, white and colored, to take a hand in the district school matter, but he has declined to interfere. A rumor has been afloat for several days that he has been tendered the position of superintendent of the colored schools here, to succeed Prof. G. F. T. Cook, who will retire in June, but no authorative statement could be secured in a;rmative or negative from Mr. Washington or Commissioner Ross.

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The Second Baptist Lyceum is one of Washington's most influential and useful organizations. It makes little or no pretension to the discussion of academic themes, save in their connection with the current events. It is a free forum for the presentation of views upon live, crisp and up-to-date public questions. Sunday, March 18, an audience that tested the capacity of the Second Baptist Church, listened to an admirable address by Prof. L. M. Hershaw, of Georgia, on "The Porto Rican Tariff; Its Constitutional, Commercial and Political Aspects." Mr. Hershaw believed that the constitution and the flag went hand in hand, and that Porto Rico was a part of the United States, and that anything but reciprocal free trade between that island and the main land was unconstitutional, unjust and a departure from right principles. He stood by the president's message as to "our plain duty," and hoped that when the turbulent sea calmed by the lapse of time, an adjustment in accord with the assurances of General Miles would be happily consummated. The discussion from the floor was full of "ginger," and was participated in by Hon. Theodore F. Price (white), Editor Thomas Fortune, Col. W. A. Pledger, Recorder H. P. Cheatham, Lieut. R. E. Toomey and others. Excellent music was rendered by the Misses Smith, Greene and Makell, and the chorus under direction of Prof. Benj. Washington.

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Editor T. Thomas Fortune and Col. W. A. Pledger have returned to their homes, after an exceedingly pleasant visit. They are statesmen writers and "good fellows" and everybody likes them. It is hinted that "somthin' " will drop soon, and that Mr. Fortune will land in an important census assignment. A snug federal berth is, by the same authority, being prepared for the doughty Georgian. Col. Pledger, by the way, is a delegate to the National Convention, vice chairman of Georgia State Central Committee, and presided over the recent State Convention. He is for McKinley.

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Bishop Alexander Walters was here last Wednesday, attending the meeting of the committee designated to prepare a program for the Methodist Ecumenical Conference, which assembles in London September 4, 1901. Through the prompt and vigorous argument of Zion's great Bishop, colored divines will be accorded places upon the program.

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In some way, the political remains of ex-Minister J. Milton Turner have been exhumed. He was on our streets last week, and said he was here on business. His shrewd eye twinkled merrily, but mysteriously when your correspondent inquired the result of his interview with one Chairman James K. Jones.

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Mr. John T. Haskins, of Petersburg, Va., is now foreman of the mechanical department of the Colored American. He is a skilled workman and an excellent manager. The typrgraphical neatness and systematic arrangement of matter in Editor Cooper's sprightly journal, is largely due to Mr. Haskins' taste and clever judgment.

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The Hart Farm school on the Potomac is no more. The action of the appropriation committee in striking out the clause of the district bill providing for this highly useful institution, is deeply regretted by all our citizens, for Prof. W. H. Hart was doing a splendid work in the reformation of boys through teaching them agriculture and industrial arts. Prof. Hart wanted $210 per annum per capita. He had been getting $185. After a searching inquiry the committee thought cheaper rates could be secured in Virginia and threw out the entire proposition.

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The newly organized "Pen and Pencil Club" entertained T. Thomas Fortune Saturday night.

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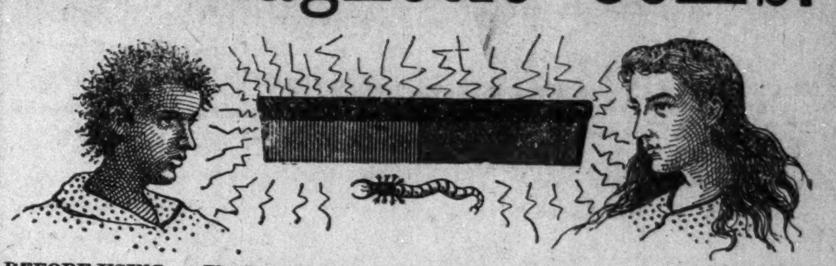

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CATHOLIC AND OTHER RELIGIONS

A few weeks ago we took occasion to refer, according to our views to that phase of the Catholic religion as it concerns the confessional. Not that we have any knowledge of the mode of conducting, that or any other part of that church's worship other than that, which is based on general repute. However, we have not reckoned without our hosts, for, from the number of Catholic periodicals that have reached this office since then, signifies that the position taken in the matter, or the lack of knowledge, is appreciated.

These periodicals represent different Catholic institutions that are maintained for colored people. It is gratifying to know, that, in spite of the general indifference to that church, that it stands second to none, in establishing and maintaining institutions for the race, that look to its temporal and moral needs as well as its spiritual welfare. That church is doing its part quietly, unostentatiously as is its characteristics, in helping work out the salvation of the race.

While not discussing the efficacy of religions as religions go, yet there is no reason why that great church should be the object of suspicion and distrust. It is true there have been individuals high up in Catholicism who have made it their business to studiously belittle the whole race. A few years ago, it will be remembered, a prominent individual of that church, through a Catholic journal, made the most revolting assertions concerning the Negroes. He, however, was but an individual, and the total good of that organization, certainly outweighed the intended mischief.

It will be conceded on all sides, that the services of the Catholic church is impressive, and, to the casual observer, is as sincere and devout as ceremonies can be made. It is to those things, that the strength of the church is charged. Once impressed, it is extremely difficult to shake off. That extreme respect and veneration for sanctuary and image has often been pronounced idolatrous, yet it seems to the uninitiated, that it is but further symbolization of those things pertaining to the history of Christ, as is evidenced by the bread and wine in Protestant churches. So after all, it seems to be a question of degree, rather than direction. Henry VIII himself, took no violent exception to all of this until he broke with the Pope.

The cross is universal; it is a type. Excessive or moderate use would not impair the efficacy, if such it possessed. The cross hilted sword is used as an instrument of defense and as an altar for prayer.

The church of England which is the child of the Catholic church, maintains many of the parental traits. The old saying that once a Catholic, always a Catholic, was fairly exemplified in the establishment of the English church which has discarded those weightier principles that do not at once so materially affect the laity, but has retained much of the ceremony and rituals. That religion (it seems) is the strongest which, unaided by tradition and unfettered by prejudices, when standing alone, creates the greatest impression.

The religions of the world have had their rise, fall and decline as Rome. One sect and then the other have taken turns at persecution. The rack—the inquistion—the stake—the faggots—the torch are all cruel reminders of the unenlightened past.

Books have been written. Voltaire threatened to break up Christianity. Eugene Sue in his "Wandering Jew" did much to create a public revulsion in France against Catholicism. His intrigues of cloister, society and convent are skillfully set forth. The story of dead, passive obedience, with man an agent, only, highly satirized the Catholic faith. The story of Gabriel, divine Gabriel is told to win. He rebels at being a living corpse. But despite all this there stands your most Catholic France.

Societies real or fictitious with their hellish oaths, binding men to sacrifice to the utmost in support of the cause were things not calculated to inspire reverence. But the story has another side.

Against these blood curdling stories are set the beatitudes of that religion which has stood the test of a thousand years. It takes Helen Hunt Jachson, in Romona to betray the spirit quickened by the touch of that religion. The Earl of Beaconsfield, Disræli, a Jew, and Prime Minister of England, in his Lothair speaks of his wonderful conversion to the Catholic religion. Lothair, young, rich and of vast influence with powerful Protestant kinsmen, in the noon-day glare of the King's religion, joined the Catholic church. This book had its weight for the good of that church in its day. Disræli does not forget to put the church at its best—in all of its glamour. The surpliced choir, chant and re-chant, ravishing, soul emancipating music, stately processions, devotees arrayed as the lilies of the field that toil not, lighted tapers—incense rare—the perfumes of Arabia—golden candelebras—richly frocked, jewelled mitred priests, all of this, the best gifts of God rendered back unto Him that gave them. A religion thus constituted as to principles will live when the simple, austere sect who, like the Pharisees, boast that they are not like other men, given to loud praying, but who giveth not a cup of water in His name have gone the way of all the earth.

Besides men are perturbed when the the basic principles of a religion are too frequently shifted. The Mohammed religion with its wild notions of morality owes its great strength to its nerve dying principles. If it maintains that plural wifery is no bar to the kingdom of heaven, even unto the seventh heaven; it says so eternally and gains credence thereby. It has no Briggs et al who desire a religion de fin de siecle, shaking all men's faith by the latest very learned expositions.

Henry VIII, history informs us, used his influence to promote English church contention, only when he broke with the Pope. Not that, that was the sole reason for its creation, but reformation, radical reformation set in at this time. Jealousy of papal power on the part of kings has had much to do in planting other churches. A King planted church, a Pope planted church; take your choice.

The rights of Kings to head churches has been and is being vigorously disputed by the most enlightened nations. England, herself is the best example of that. The Pilgrims, the Puritans, Round heads, all dissenters from the English established church, all testified to the dissatisfaction of state ruled churches. The United States has profitted by their experience, and religious tolerance was justly recognized.

Finally the wonderful solidarity of the Catholic church is as we see it, due to the recognition of a supreme head in spiritual affairs, whose long decent and unvaried office is historical and traditional and to which attaches extreme respectability and unquestioning confidence.

Farthermore in its services there seems to be a sincereness, that is contagious, a devotion that is beautiful and a faith that is sublime. In its rescue work the world fails to give it proper credit. The harm it does, if any, is offset a thousand fold by the blessings brought. No organization on earth has so much set down to its credit in heaven for such work.

What is said in opposition to it can not be great. The silent pale face nuns, the evangels of mercy—brides of the church, cross bearers, the tellers of beads, the dwellers of the oftimes gloomy walled conventicles are an inspiration to see. They are full of interest, their faces a study, their lives, lessons in devotion. Certainly these on the last day will be among those that rise first when Gabriel shall have blown the blast, that cracks the day of doom.

It is said that Lincoln's private car will be preserved by the colored people of Omaha, Neb. The movement is headed by Booker T. Washington and Dr. M. O. Ricketts. The car was considered a wonder of the car builder's craft when first built. It is of mahogany and clad with armor plate. We suggest t at in event the movement is successful, that the car be fitted up as a museum, a sort of depository for relics and mementoes of the distinguished dead. It is an opportunity to secure a very unique means of offering continual respect to Lincoln's memory. It could easily be made self-sustaining. A museum in Lincoln's private coach would have its attractions.

Our worst enemies are ourselves. We We as a rule are too jealous, too envious. Too many of us try to excel by stratagem rather than by merit. Too many of us try to pull ourselves forward by pulling others backward. Lets try to overtake our brother then with hand in hand lets march onward and upward.—Victoria Guide, Victoria Texas.

The above is a short sermon but it has been well preached. The fault is often in ourselves, rather than in our stars. Trust and respect for the race must appreciate in the race itself before it can increase elsewhere.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the 76th birthday celebration of Rev Moses Dickson of St. Louis, Mo. We congratulate him on reaching this advanced age full of honor and with all of his faculties unimpared. His great work is known beyond the little circle in which he moves when at home. His name is known far and wide and which, has always been associated with those things which tend to uplift the race. May he be spared many more years before the grim reaper calls him from labor to reward.

In the suit instituted against a restaurant keeper of Pittsburg, Pa., Assistant District Attorney, Walter E. Billows, colored, was awarded 6 1-4 cents. He and his friend Congressman George W. White, of North Carolina, colored, were refused service. To think of it, 6 1-4 cents. Don't that kill you? Suppose they had been of less importance why they would have been given six months.

There is no reason why there should not be among colored people, but they should not be known rascals. The white people have no right to encourage this class of individuals, when they know better. They do very often know better and then ridicule the race for having such leaders.

A lynching spell is again on. It had been hoped that this year would witness the last phase of that system of governing which has proven so baneful to the race and no credit to American institutions.

Cyrus F. Adams has been nominated on the Republican ticket for Clerk of South town, Chicago. Mr. Adams is well known and popular. His chances for election are good.

The Freeman presents no candidate for the legislature. It trusts to the good sense of the colored people to select well. The people know who's who.

Benjamin Thornton our well known detective returned Tuesday of last week from a business trip to Peoria, Ill., during his stay he met and was entertained by the following well known citizens, H C. Gibson, deputy sheriff, S. A. Hopkins, candidate for alderman third district, Andrew Whiteside, J. J. Tilford, John Hicklin and G. T. Randolph, The Freeman representative.

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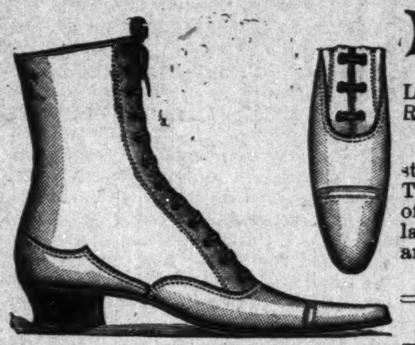

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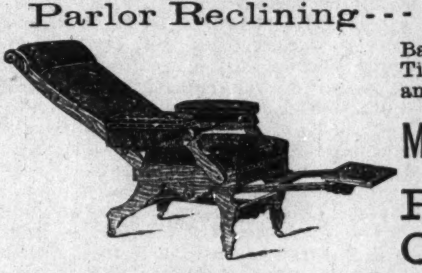

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"A Trip to Coontown" is in Philadelphia this week.

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BeeBee, of the Little Solo Theatre, Houston, Tex., sends regards to friends.

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Emmett Davis and Buddie Glenn have closed at the Little Solo Theatre, and have joined the Nashville Students.

Will A. Junker, business manager of Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels is spending his vacation at Hot Springs, Ark.

James White, the premier vocal comedian, of Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels is spending his vacation at Indianapolis.

J. Frank Head, business manager of the Grand Opera House, Hot Springs, Ark., wants colored people in all lines of minstrelsy. See big "ad" elsewhere.

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The following letter was received from Honolulu, this week: "Just a line to inform you and your host of readers that Ernest Hogan's company are all alive, well and happy. We arrived here from Australia on March 14, to play a four weeks engagement at the Orpheum. The show is a decided hit. in fact has made more than good everywhere. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stafford are enjoying a vacation at Sacramento, Cal. Tom Logan is back with us and he received a hearty welcome. We leave April 14, for Vancouver, B. C. Our mail can be addressed there care general delivery. Regards to everybody.—From thirty-two members of Ernest Hogan's Minstrel Co."

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Billy Williams, jr., frog equilibrist, closed with the "Darkest Coontown" company at Athens, Pa., Feb. 20. He will spend the summer at his home in St. Louis, Mo. On arriving home he was met at the station by James and Henry Dorsey and a jolly good time was had. Mr. Williams would be pleased to hear from all friends. His address is 908 N. 16th street, St. Louis, Mo.

Bohannan's "Fun on the Levee" a winner. The manager writes: "The show is playing to good business and the S. R. O. sign is oftimes displayed at the door. Green & Porter, the juveniles are certainly cleaning up in their singing and dancing. B. E. Johnson, the eminent baritone, always brings down the house with his latest song "If" and "Always." Billy Lyons, Sam Prigmore and Mark E. Taylor are our funny endmen. B. E. Johnson and Miss Ida Bohannan are ideal exponents of genteel comedy. This company will be enlarged to thirty-five people, with special paper about April 12. B. E. Johnson sends regards to L. E. Gideon, Dan Desdunes, P. G. Lowery, E. O. Green, A. P. Harris and Harry Prampin.

Richard H. Barnett sends the following from Ogdensburg, N. Y.: "I am still in Northern New York making good, but the heavy snow storms causes many of the boys that visit here to stay for a few days. Messrs. Chas. Williams and Clinton Carroll, of Toronto, Canada, and Mr. Sylvester Russell, who was enroute to New York City, was tendered a grand reception at the residence of Miss Ida Green. It was a swell affair. Wm. S. Levard was here on the 29th, with a lodge known as the Mystic Shrines, four hundred in number, all white. Mr. Levard seemed to know something about the lodge; he was the only colored person in the parade. I also had the pleasure of seeing Cole and Johnson's excellent company in "A Trip to Coontown." They played to good business they are prime favorites here Arthur McConville, white, of this city sends regards to friends. He says the boys all remember him. The Freeman comes regular.

Messrs. Chappelle & Donaldson, proprietors of the Mascotte Theatre, Tampa, Fla, the Buckingham Theatre, Ft. Brooke, Fla., also managers of the famous Imperial Minstrels, are arranging to bring out one of, if not the greatest aggregation of Negro talent ever on the road, the coming season. They have engaged the services of the well-known writer of burlesque, Mr. Frank Dumont, of Dumont's Minstrels, which are permanently located at the Eleventh Street Opera House, Philadelphia, and he is at present putting the finishing touches upon a three-act farce comedy that is expected to eclipse anything yet presented upon the stage by Negro performers. Mr. Dumont is the author of "Darkest America" the well-known drama which has been witnessed by thousands of theatre-goers. In this new production Mr. Dumont has taken up the subject and will present it on entirely different lines of other colored shows. Mr. Pat Chappelle, the enterprising business manager of the firm writes that he is in correspondence with Tom McIntosh, Billy and Madrid Jackson, Cissel & Mines and other top-notchers for the big show. The success these gentlemen have made with their other enterprises causes the public to wait with great expectation their latest venture.

The following is from the Evening Bulletin, Honolulu, H. I.—Ernest Hogan and his merry company of colored minstrels opened at the Orpheum Saturday night in a happily selected program. The first part was of the good old time minstrel formation beginning with the opening chorus of the Opera "Merry War," by Strauss and other bright, catchy numbers, followed by individual songs and dances in which Messrs. Hogan Taylor, Livers Chenault, R. C. Logan, Saulsbury and Miss Moss scored decided successes and at once became favorites. Mr. Chenault has a pure, sweet second tenor voice with a good range which he handles splendidly. Mr. Saulsbury possesses an extremely high tenor voice, as clear as a bell and sang "Just as the Sun Went Down" in superb style. Miss Laura Moss sang "Suwanee River" with good taste, showing a splendid lyric soprano voice under perfect control. Mr. R. C. Logan is fortunate in having a basso profundo with volume to spare and in the quartette the tones roll out like the pedal notes from a pipe organ. Master Livers was life of the first part, up to the time Mr. Hogan made his appearance. He is excruciatingly funny and his eccentric dances are inimitable. George Taylor, one of the two premieres is capable of holding one of the end chairs with any company. His expressive face kept the audience in laughter constantly. Ernest Hogan is undoubtedly the star. His natural flow of wit and humor at all times is almost enough to make one wish they did not know how to laugh. No one could be more natural or more unaffected than Mr. Hogan. The ease of manner is refreshing and one needs something refreshing after they have enjoyed to excess as everyone seemed to have Saturday evening, his every effort. The finale of the first part was "Darktown Band." To thoroughly enjoy this clever bit of comedy which was a fitting climax for the good work already done, one must have enjoyed one of Sousa's concerts. Had John Phillip Sousa previously visited Honolulu with his organization it is safe to say that Mr. Hogan's burlesque of the famous "March King" would have evoked more than double the manifestation of appreciation. The interlocutress, Miss Vincent Bradley, must not be overlooked. The novelty of entrusting such an important position to ladies would soon become no novelty at all if more women like Miss Bradley could be found. But fortunately for the charming, graceful Miss Bradley that is next to impossible. The olio was a selection of interesting and amusing specialties. Little Siren, contortionist, did some very clever work. The Trocaderor quartette sang two beautiful numbers excellently. Then Ernest Hogan again, to make you scream with laughter. It was a pleasure to hear the composer's idea of his own song and woe to those who try to sing "All Coons Look Alike to Me" hereafter. Following Mr. Hogan's repeated encores was Carl Dante in feats of high class magic, who entertained the large audience for a few minutes most successfully. "A Rag Time Opera" sent the packed house, at advance prices, home in the best of humor and apparently satisfied with the dancing of the Kentucky Four, the charming ladies and the cake walk by Ernest Hogan's funny folks.

Notes from A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels—"This country is full of small pox. In almost every town we play there are several cases. The Queen City quartette are a great card with the show. F. W. Inman first tenor, W. W. Brew second tenor. J. Fernando, first bass, T. Finch second bass. Mr. Maxwell and his educated dog, 'Mac.' never fail to get their share of applause. Our sick list is about blotted out and all are able to be seen upon the stage once more. Prof. J. H. McCammon our band master is very proud of his big band, most of them being soloists. His eyes are wide open looking for good musicians. He has Harry Massengale, slide trombonist of Cincinnati, O. Sam Johnson euphonium soloist says he intends to make all in his line work. He is a wonder to all musicians who hear him both white and black. Prof. McCamons big band consists of 26 people. All members of the big show send regards to all. Mr. Wm. Grant with A. G Allen's New Orleans minstrel, tuba player in number 2 band will recieve a one hundred and twenty-five dollar instrument in a few days. He sends regards to all professionals.

Peoria News.

Peoria, Ill., Special.—Mr. Benjamin Thornton, of Indianapolis, Ind., paid our city a short visit on last Tuesday. Mr. Thornton is a member of the detective force of the great inland city and has many important captures to his credit; he seemed greatly pleased with our city during his short stay. Mr. Jule Jordan returned Thursday from Paducah, Ky., where he spent several days visiting his mother and old friends of his boyhood days. he says that our people are well represented in all kinds of labor. Mr. Amos Wendles and Geo. Hardin have returned from Davenport, Ia., where they have been working at the Kimball house. Mr. F. A. Hopkins was nominated for alderman of the third ward Friday evening. Let every colored man in the ward vote for him. Mr Curtis McGee chief at the Creve Corner Club is off on a vacation, Mr. McGee came here from Chicago about a year ago and has made quite a record for himself, he is one of those colored cooks who believes in being up to-date in every particular. A party of friends surprised Mrs. Ella Williams the well known dress maker on last Sunday evening in honor of her birthday. A very pleasant time was spent. Jean Thompson formerly of this city married in Detroit. We wish him prosperity and happiness. The body of Jessie Saunders was found Monday at 1 o'clock p. m., about 75 foot from the place indicated by Grace Holmes the child clairovoint although the evidence showed that Murphy knocked the man in the river the coroners jury exonerated Murphy and that he came to his death by accidental drowning. The sheriff of Toswell county is not satisfied with the verdict and an investigation will be made and to this end an antopsy will be held and efforts will also be made to locate the murderer. The correspondent thinks that the colored citizens should lend all assistance possible to apprehend the murderer. Mrs. Nannie Smith died at the St. Francis Hospital Tuesday at 6 o'clock a. m., she leaves two children and many friends to mourn her loss.

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"Dark Horses" are Imminent--A Cursor Review of the Columbus Conference--An Ideal Gathering of Intelligence and Power.

Editor The Freeman:

In your issue of March 10th, appeared a letter from my pen, in which I mentioned the names of Revs. J. M. Connor, D. D.. Evans Tyree, D. D., Thomas W. Henderson, D. D., C. T. Shaffer, D. D., C. S. Smith, D. D., and H. J. Johnson, D. D., in connection with the Bishopric of the A. M. E. church. These distinguished men are being discussed throughout the church in the same connection, and while all of them may not be elected, it will be hard for any combinations to be formed, that will not include some of them. In this same connection, Rev. M. M. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C., might be mentioned. Dr. Moore, like a giant oak, has stood in the church and battled for her institutions so nobly, that his enemies are like vapour when they come before him.

The church will hail with delight the election of Dr. Moore to the Bishopric which will be most likely on the first ballot.

There will be more than one Bishop elected, outside of the regular combinations formed. And why not? A man for the Bishopric ought to be at once strong and popular enough to defy combinations and be swept into the office by the magnetism of his popularity and fitness. Two of the greatest men that the church has within her borders were thus elected.

When combination after combination had failed and designing enemies had gone to their limits to keep them out, H. M. Turner and Wm. B. Derrick, wrapped their mantles of victory around them, and defied the church politicians and walked into office like victorious generals upon the field of mortal combat. They looked back, and saw their enemies hoisting flags of truce, hoping to gain their friendship.

They have done more for the church in a single night, than some of the loud mouth "Big guns" have done in all their lives. As silent as it is kept, the same is going to be true in Columbus.

There will be some snowing under of "Big fish" and some supposed "weakling" is going to come to the front, and walk away with a robe or a port-folio.

There was some agreements reached that are not reached, and there will be some breaking away when the battle ground is occupied by the delegates. I am not an alarmist, neither am I trying to create discord, but the facts are facts, and the above will be seen to be true.

There are a few certainties—or almost certainties, and among them is the election of Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., of Mississippi, to the position of financial secretary.

His strongest opponent will be the hustling and energetic Dr. P. A. Hubbard, than whom there is none more worthy to hold the office. But, Dr. Lampton, first being a man of magnetic bearing, and having earned the position by labor performed, aside from the fact that he is supported by the entire delegation of the Eighth Episcopal district, the entire Atlantic slope is favorably impressed with his candidacy, and the delegations in said sections have all along found him true in the past, and canot consistently turn from him now.

Many are discusing the advisability of setting the seal upon it, that any general officer, who is an avowed candidate for the Bishopric, and should fail to be elected, must stand aside and let the aspirants for the position he holds, fight it out, and the winner take the plum. It is nothing but just that the track should be cleared and that old occupant give way—when he has battled for something else.

Dr. Shaffer, the political and refined secretary of our church extension department, is a prominent candidate for the office of Bishop. If character, refinement and work done for the good of the church count for anything, then Dr. Shaffer is one of the most deserving men in the connection, and should be elected. However, he will have to contend with the distinguished pastor, ex-general officer, and polished churchman, Rev. Levi J. Coppin, D. D., than whom there is none better qualified.

The success of either one of these gentlemen, means the defeat of the other. But should Dr. Coppin succeed, or should Dr. Shaffer succeed, the office of church extension secretary should be filled by one of the new aspirants. At present, Rev. W. H. Mixon, D. D., of Alabama, seems to be the winning candidate. Rev. Dr. Mixon is one of the best known characters in our southern field. No man has done more than he to develop and enlarge our church in Alabama. Like A. Shorter, he has traveled far and near, night and day, holding the gospel torch to our fallen people in his section of the country. He has also, with brain and pen, defended the rights and manhood of the negroes of the state, and when the disfranchisers sought to destroy the liberties of our people, he quietly found his way to the men whose influences were able to defeat the making of a new constitution, and brought their aid to the rescue of the negro. Should Dr. Mixon be able to defeat Dr. Lee, the work will prosper under him. But, Dr. E. W. Lee himself has rights that the church must respect, still the popular start made by him at the last general conference, toward the secretaryship of missions, was such a glowing one that many of us were startled when we heard that he was an announced candidate for secretary of church extension. There is no respect in which he is not worthy of anything in the gift of the general conference.

Our church has made much ado through its advocates regarding pensions and help for the worn out.

This coming general conference now occupies an opportunity to put itself on record along that line. Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., will doubtless be retired on full pay, when that it is done, it will be but a feeble compensation when we contemplate what that veteran hero has done for the church and race.

There is the Rev. R. M. Cheeks, D. D., editor of the Southern Christian Recorder, a man pious, upright and zealous in good works. He has fought many battles for the church. Really, Dr. Cheeks is not able to edit the Southern Recorder. He should be made a pensioner upon the church, thereby showing that worn out general officers of the great A. M. E. church will and can be cared for.

Rev. G. E. Taylor, D. D., of Texas, then is the rightful heir to the editorial chair of the Southern Christian Recorder. His great brain and briliant intellect justly fit him for the place. He is one of the most profound writers in the church. Dr. Taylor is one of the leading orthordox writers of the Methodist family, and, were he editor of one of our church papers, the columns set aside for his use would bristle with good food, capable of indoctrinating the pulpit and pew in the great principles taught by Wesley to a much greater extent than has been taught through our church journals in the past. It is now thought that he has more friends in Texas, than was even hinted at several months ago, and when the battle ground is reached, you may count on it, G. E. Taylor will be prepared to meet all comers. Some one reading this article, may say, "Robinson, our combinations, are not arranged according to what you are saying." I know that, but I am putting out things as I see them, and as they appear now.

Rev. C. S. Smith, D, D., and his friends are making an aggressive campaign, and you need not be taken by surprise, if this scholar and great man is elected Bishop.

No man has been more persecuted than Dr. Smith, and no man has born the same with greater patience than he. Be it said to his eternal credit, that he never lets an opportunity pass to drive up a wedge for the negro in general, and for the African Methodist church in particular. Slander after slander have been heaped upon him, scandal mongers have poked their forked tongues out to destroy his influence, still like Paul, Charles Spencer Smith stands up for the church, and says, "None of these things move me." Individually, I would feel like shouting if Dr. Smith is elected to the Episcopacy, and, I would not be alone by a great deal in that respect.

Revs. R. R. Downs, D. D., J. A. Davis, D. D., and W. D. Chappell, D. D., are the leading candidates for secretary of the Sunday school union. I have not been able to learn which of these gentlemen has the advantage of the other two.

Davis, the little giant of Tennessee, has been very busy in past years pointing out what ought to be done in and around the Sunday school union. He has brought to himself notoriety advocating plans, etc., in connection therewith, and should be given a chance to develop the same. All of the three are worthy, and deserving, as well as competent to manage the affairs of this department.

The Preachers' Constitutional Association should be made a connectional department, and there should be a resolution passed demanding or requesting each traveling preacher to become members of the same.

We agree with our "retrenchment" friends when it comes to our educational department. Bishop Derrick's efforts in Arkansas and Mississippi are a living vindication, showing that each episcopal district is able to manage its own educational affairs. The $1,300 per annum paid out to the secretary of education could go to our needy schools and colleges. Of course, I know the department will not be abolished, still I have a right to express my opinion.

The General Conference should also give the young people a special department, and let it be presided over by an official head—the Allen Endeavor Society.

It can be to the A. M. E. Church what the Epworth League is to the two great white Methodist bodies in the United States.

Dr. J. T. Jenifer should be secretary of the C. P. A. A. and Rev. D. A. Graham, D. D., that of the Allen Endeavor Society.

There are several brilliant candidates for the editorship of the Christian Recorder, viz.: Rev. John M. Henderson, M. D.; R. C. Ransom, D. D.; L. H. Reynolds, D. D.; Thos. H. Jackson, D. D., and J. P. Sampson, D. D.

Dr. John M. Henderson, bold, courageous and outspoken, has to some extent weakened his candidacy. There are more men who want to vote for him than will do so. While that is true, he will receive votes that he is not expecting, if he remains in the race. Dr. Johnson being out of the way by being an announced candidate for episcopal honors, makes it look like the battle will be between Henderson and Ransom, with Henderson in the lead.

It is needless to mention the fact that candidates for missionary secretary will not have a fighting chance—not enough to make the campaign interesting. Dr. Parks will be elected almost without opposition.

As to laws and measures for the guidance of the church, none need be alarmed. There will be a phalanx of intelligence at the General Conference, and men from every quarter will see to it that everything is looked after. Conner, Lampton, Wade, Jackson, Dangerfield, White, Lome, Sampson, Chappell, Leake, Kershaw, D. P. Roberts, Denham, Flipper, Green, and a host of others will be there—and the interest of the church will be looked after.

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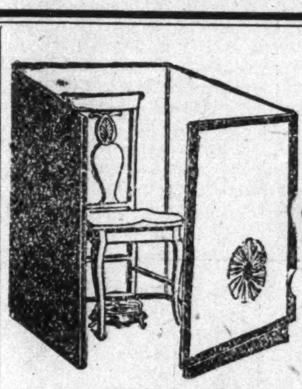

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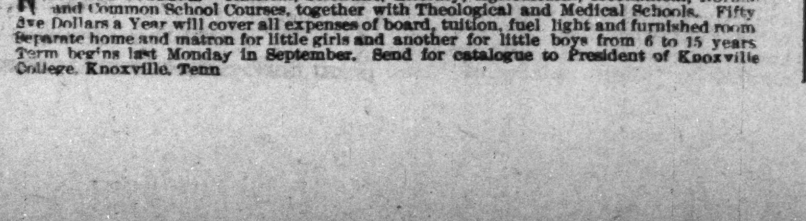

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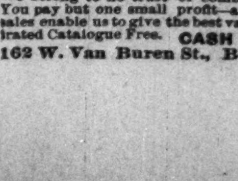

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Journey Across the Pacific--Prejudice No Barrier--Strange Traits and Customs--An Indianapolis Soldier in the Phillipines Writes Interestingly.

Parauaquay, Luzon, P. I.,
January 27, 1900.

Editor The Freeman:

On December 6 the 49th Inf. Reg., U. S. V. (3d Battalion), boarded the U. S. A. transport Sherman and began the long journey across the Pacific to the Philippine Islands. The trip was uneventful. We were not allowed to land at Honolulu because of an epidemic, the bubonic plague, which was raging in the island. We lay out in the bay long enough, however, to get a good view of the city, its palace and streets. Not being allowed to coal we were compelled to steam on to Guam, hoping to secure coal at this new possession of Uncle Sam's. Before reaching Guam the measles broke out on our ship and we were again kept aboard.

We were on the ocean thirty days and did not see a single ship except those in port of Honolulu or Guam.

We saw and passed Cavite just before entering Manila, and saw wrecks of sunken Spanish ships. We entered the bay through the China sea. Luzon, upon which the city of Manila is located, is equal in area to the State of Virginia. Manila is situated on Manila bay, which is about thirty miles in extent each way. The land on both sides of the entrance is high and covered with vegetation. From the entrance of the bay to Manila a good twenty-five miles must be traversed. The Pasig river flows into Manila bay at Manila.

Manila is a fortified city, encircled by a wall with bastions and bulwarks, and a ditch and outer ditch, where it does not front on the sea or river. The waters of the sea or river can be let in and thus isolate the city by opening the sluces. There are six gates to the city. It is a very old city, founded in 1571 by the Spanish. The islands were discovered by Magellan in 1521, but were not named until 1564, when they were named in honor of Philip II of Spain.

All of the land on the island of Luzon is fertile and capable of a high state of cultivation. Rice is raised in the low grounds and potatoes, wheat and cane on the elevated portions of the islands. Bananas, cocoanuts and other fruits peculiar to the tropics grow in abundance. There are only one or two poisonous reptiles in the island. Deer abound in the thickets and uncultivated portions.

The Filipinos are very friendly, indeed, especially toward the Negro. I expect quite a number of those who are here now as soldiers will remain here and marry into families of the natives. The rebellion is broken, and while the fight is continuing, it is carried on by ladrones (organized bands of robbers) and a few respectable natives who have not as yet come in contact with American civilization. The people are the most church-ridden on earth. Every little village has its church, and is heavily taxed for its support. The splendid edifices erected for churches and the simple thatched roofed huts of the natives stand in marked contrast. The priests live like kings—and, indeed, they are, for no sovereign ever reigned with sway so complete. Americanism means liberty, freedom of speech and the right to worship according to the dictates of one's conscience and these poor, oppressed natives are becoming Americanized. A Presbyterian church was organized last Sunday in Manila, the first protestant church in the island, I believe, and now the natives are up in arms against the established rules and practices of their priests and churches.

The colored soldier finds here a paradise—in that prejudice to color is unknown. The finest hotels and clubs are open to him and he is respected and courted in proportion to his wealth. American papers are missed, but as a substitute three are published in Manial—the American, the Freedom and the Tribune. All favor expansion, as does every one else who has ever been here and studied conditions. The natives want Americanism and are determined to have it. All the "rot" one hears in the States about "butchering the poor natives," "forcing Christianity at a cannon's mouth," etc., is so utterly non-sensical that no one ever repeats it here. In fact, General Otis has been so kind and humane that he has been criticised for it in the army by those impatient, impulsive spirits who wanted to crush all before them. The fruits of humane treatment are everywhere apparent. As fast as a place becomes pacified, competent Filipinos are selected to fill the more prominent places of government and the first instance of a betrayal of trust is yet to be recorded.

American money is at a premium. Every one wants it and wants it so much that a native refuses to give back American change. All are for the gold standard. To see the workings of both and then to realize that there can be but one side to the money question is difficult beyond comprehension. Mexican money (silver standard) ranks next to American and when you break a fivedollar gold piece (American) that is all the gold here for a small purchase you have to hire a conveyance to haul the change around. But I am not discussing the money question and will stop.

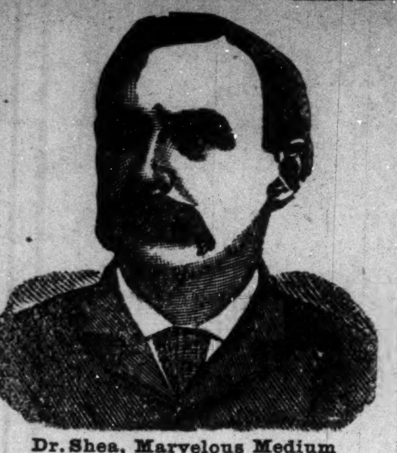
But in conclusion I will say emphatically that I do not believe that there is an American on the island, soldier or civilian, who does not uphold the administration's policy in toto. The Negro ought to be pleased to know that one American possession at least exists where prejudice to color finds no place and every opportunity offered him to come here and settle ought to be eagerly accepted.

Enclosed I send a clipping from the Manila Freedom, the leading paper in the islands, and one whose editorials have much weight. More anon.

GEO. A. WILLIAMS,
Sergt.-Maj. 3d Bat., 49th Inf.,
U. S. V.

Parauquay, Luzon.

P. S.—We miss American papers, and any sent to me by friends of the boys at home will be distributed.



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ALBERT AYRES.

Plainfield, N. J.

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ROBERT TILLMAN,
703 Twelfth st., San Deigo, Cal.

Union City, Tenn., June, 20, 99.—Dr. Sadie F. Porter; I have used your medicine and find it to be as you have advertised it. I only used your hair preparation twice and my hair began to grow and stopped falling ont. My hair is now growing beautifully. Before I began using your preparation I tried everyhing I heard of, but nothing proved successful but your Magic Hair Grower. I will also accept an agency for your medicine. I have had several calls for your medicine and have recommended it to my sister, at Fort Smith, Ark. She will also send for some of the remedies. Yorus for success.

PEARLIE F. LONG.

Prescott, Ark., Sept., 30, 1899—Dr. Sadie F. Porter, 904 Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn., Dear Doctor: I beg leave to say that about fifteen days ago you treated me for neuralgia at your office, and I have not felt a symptom of it since. Your medicines seem to bring instant relief. I have had treatments before, but nothing to compare with yours. You rubbed my head very lightly once and gave me one dose of that Magic Blood and Nerve Tonic, and the pain disappeared. I don't thiuk think that any one should hesitate in purchasing your medicines, for they are what they are recommended. Respectfully

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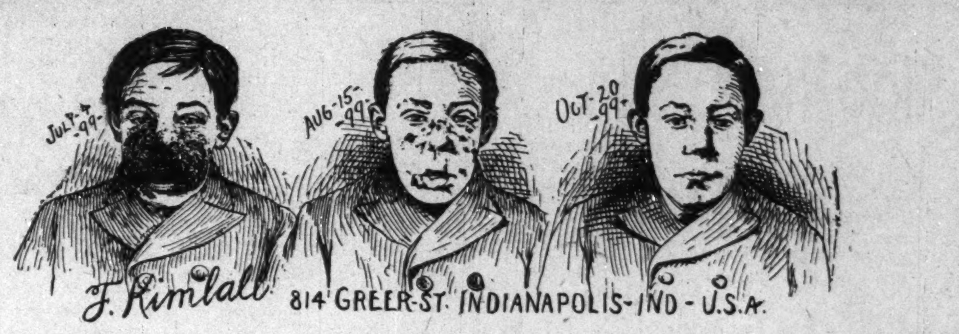

The above cuts show the condition of this boy—FERGIE KIMBALL—when he began the use of HOYT'S POISONED BLOOD CURE, also the rapid improvement in his case in the first 90 days' treatment.

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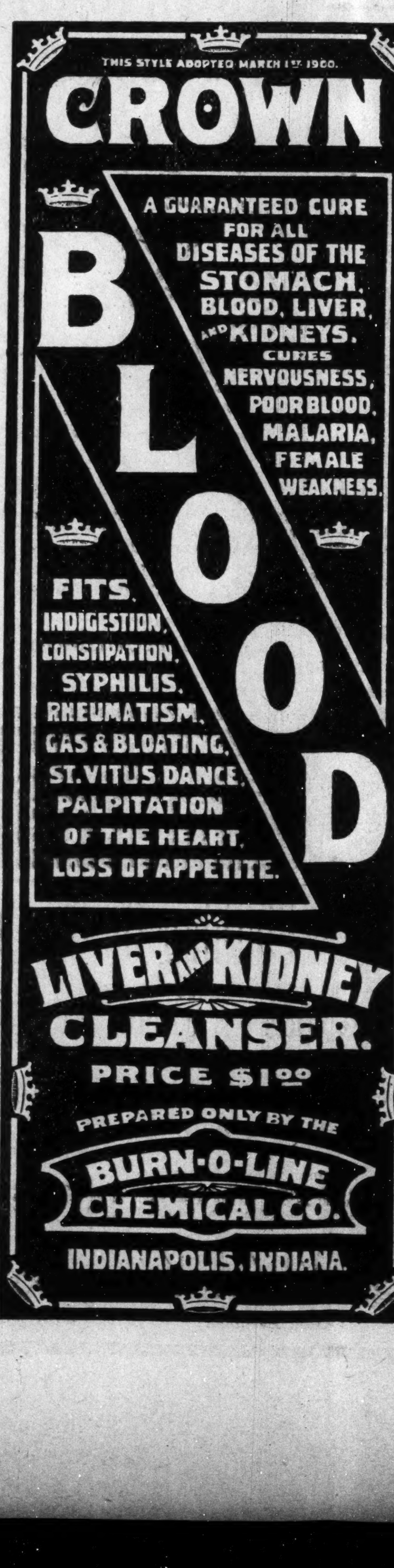

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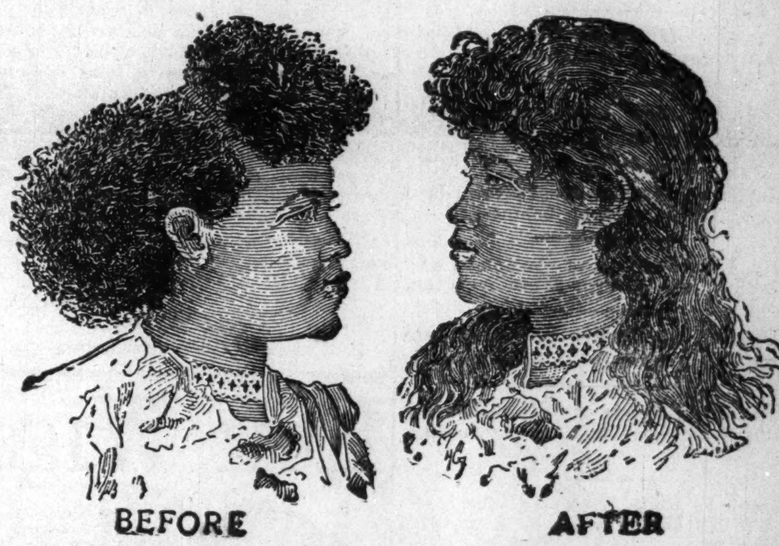

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Clarence Humphrey and Mamie Stallard were married last week.

Presiding Elder Sissle held quarterly meeting in Bloomington Sunday.

Rev. D. A. Graham spent several days in the city this week on business.

Mr. Wm. Fielding, of Cincinnati, O., attended the Brown-Jones wedding.

The will of Harriet B. Carter was admitted to probate on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Dolly Lewis the evangelist has returned to her home at Anchorago, Ky.

Geo. L. Knox lectured at the Light House Mission Sunday to a crowded house.

Mr. Thomas Trice, of Danville, Ill., was the guest of Miss Florence Howard Sunday

Mother Jackson is seriously ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. Housley 520 Roanoke street.

Miss Rebecca Allen of 809 Adelaide street, who has been sick for several weeks is impoving.

Miss Nora Warden, of Louisville, Ky., will spend the Easter with her many friends in this city.

Wayman Chapel gave a grand brass band and violin concert. Mrs. Retta Moss acted as manager.

The Tabernacle Baptist church which was recently destroyed by fire will soon be rebuilt, with modern improvements. Rev. C. C. Wilson the pastor submitted the architectural plans at their last church meeting which was well received.

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Messrs. Louis Schooler and Chas. Jordan were in the city this week. They were enroute from Florida to Chicago, Ill.

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Rev. I. H. Harris who has been visiting in the city, has returned to Covington, Ky., where he has charge of Main street Baptist church. His son John Harris accompanied him.

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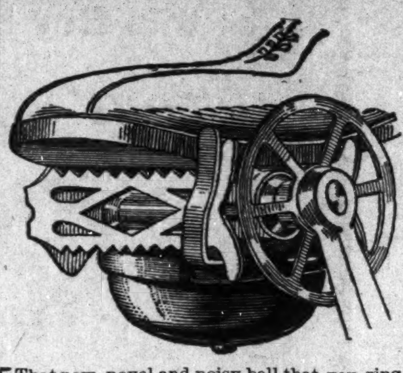

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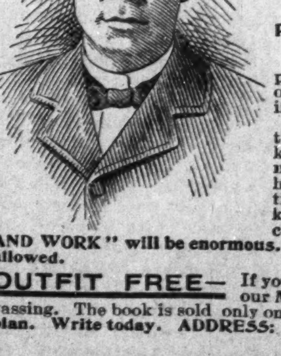

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